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Written by *B.G.* who was an Ey-witneſſe of the ſame.

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To the READER.

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BEcause the Works of the Lord are teaching, and a due observation thereof required of the beholders therefore it is that I do here declare what I did behold of this so wonderfull and visible a demonstration of Gods immediate power, as not daring to let the same passe by without recording, hoping the same may be of advantage to all who are willing to observe and ponder the same: But because things of so strange a nature as this are not easily believed upon the report of a single person, I desire that upon reading hereof, none will rashly condemn the Author of untruth, before they have first endeavoured to inform themselves farther therein: And for their farther information herein, I shall humbly refer them to the Honourable Col. Tho. Morgan, Commander in Chief with the Forces in the North of Scotland, to Captain Ethelbert Morgan, & Cap. Fran. Nichols, or to any other Officer of Lieutenant General Monks Regiment, or of Colonel Fairfax his Regiment, who

were then preſent, and did behold the ſame. There are alſo many hundreds of private Souldiers of the ſaid Regiments that can witneſſe the ſame.

I ſhall not declare what my thoughts have been concerning the meaning hereof, but ſhall leave it to the wiſe conſideration of thoſe that ſhall be better able to judge of it, and ſhall wait for the farther manifeſtation of the Lord's minde in this, and all other his Acts of power and providence towards us, which is the expectation of him who deſires to be a diligent obſerver of his will, and a lover of all thoſe that do the ſame.

B. G.

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The Relation of a ſtrange Light in the Air on the 19. *day of* Auguſt, 1652. *at night, ſeen on the Borders of the* Highlands *of* Scotland, *ſome twelve miles from* Elliot.

UPon the 19 day of *Auguſt*, 1652. upon the Borders of the *Highlands*, where that part of our Army) then commanded by Col. *Morgan*) lay encamped; It was my turn to watch the night following, with my Company, and about eight of the clock, I having been at my Tent, was returning to my Guard on the Weſt ſide of the Camp, where I found divers of my Souldiers ſtand looking at a light place in the Skye Eaſtward, ſaying one to another, It was a Shoale of Herrings in the Sea that cauſed the ſame; whereupon I caſt mine eye that way, and ſaw a more then ordinary light ariſing, as it were out of the Eaſt-Sea, ſtreaming upward into the Air, and encreaſing greater and greater; and looking about, I ſaw another in the ſame form ariſing in the Weſt, oppoſite to the former, and in a ſhort ſpace they grew ſo high, that they met at the top, and were in form like a Rain-bow, only higher; Alſo there were ſudden ſtrange ſhiftings of lights up and down towards the North-Eaſt and North-Weſt; The former Light be-

began to move towards the North, and to ſink down lower: And as they moved, they divided in the midſt, one part to the North-Eaſt, the other to the North-Weſt, and were like two great bright Clouds. The Air being clear and ſtar-light, and not an ordinary Cloud appeared all the night, theſe two Lights that divided, became on a ſudden like ſtreaks of black and white, pointing directly up and down, or like groves of ſtraight Trees without any boughs, or like multitudes of ſhips maſts; and preſently they began to move in oppoſition, and grew very ſwift in their motion, and appeared in this motion like a great Body of Pikes, ſwiftly countermarching, and ſo continued for about half an hour. The Air all this while towards the North parts ſeemed ſtrangely to roll to and fro with ſmaller Lights, darting or flaſhing up and down.

So this firſt motion of the Trees began to ceaſe, and the Trees to retire one part from the other; and as they divided, the form of Trees vaniſhed, and became again like Clouds, as before, one towards the North-Eaſt, the other towards the North-Weſt; and all this while it was very light, that a man might ſee to read in a Book, ſmall lights flaſhing ſtill up and down; and anon began the great bright Clouds to move in oppoſition; and the Trees appeared again in their former ſhape, and began to encounter each Party with other, as before, and grew very ſwift and furious in their motion, in the manner of a Countermarch, which motion continued near half an hour, and then began to ceaſe and divide again, as before. And as they retired, the form of the Trees or Maſts

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vaniſhed and only the bright clouds appeared, which moved towards the North-East and North-West as before; The Air ſtill ſeemed to be in a ſtrange motion of ſudden opening and ſhutting, and ſmall clouds darting up and down; and within three quarters of an hour began the Trees the third time to appear, and to advance one Party toward the other, till they met, and encountered more ſwiftly and furiouſly then before, and at the bottom of the North-East Party there appeared the likeneſſe of Blood or Fire, very dreadfull to behold, but very little of it appeared on the North-West; This third encounter continued rather longer then the two former, and at laſt began to ceaſe and to divide the one part from the other, and ſtill as they divided, the form of Trees or black and white ſtrakes vaniſhed as before: And one Part moved Eaſtward, the other Weſtward, untill at length they came to their firſt ſtation and to their firſt form; the appearance of Blood or Fire alſo vaniſhed: there were ſtill ſmall Lights flaſhing up and down, & theſe two firſt Lights began to ſtream upward as at the firſt, till at length they met again at the top, and became the ſecond time like unto a Bow, and then moved Northwards, and then all the other motions and flaſhings ceaſed, and this Light ſunk down lower and lower towards the North till it came to the likeneſſe of a great Arch of a Bridge, ſupported as it were at either end with a ſhort Pillar, one fixed towards the North-East, and the other towards the North-Weſt; It was by this time two of the clock in the morning, and this form of the Bridge continued firm without

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any other motion untill day light expelled the same; Many other circumstances might have been noted concerning this thing, which could my memory have retained them, yet I should have wanted fit words to have expressed, they being of so strange a nature, therefore I forbear. having given you the sum thereof: only, I may not omit the great terrour and amazement which did accompany the beholders, for many men of resolute pitch in other cases, were now like *Belshazer* ready to smite their knees one against the other for fear, and went trembling and sighing up and down like men astonished, fearing that the great day of Account had now been beginning, as by the expressions of some did appear. I did set my self diligently to observe every passage hereof, expecting also, what would be the event; About mid-night I went to Collonel *Morgans* Tent to acquaint him with this strange sight; he told me, he was but newly gone in from looking upon it, and said, it was a wonderfull strange thing, and that certainly it did betoken some great Sea-Fight, because there was the appearance of the Masts of Ships, which Interpretation hath been since sufficiently made good, although the latter part did seem to signifie something further, which is left to consideration untill the event of things in time do further manifest same.

FINIS.